IMPROVEMENT OF RACINE HARBOR, WISCONSIN.

JUNE 29, 1898.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. COOPER, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. Res. 274.]

The Committee on Rivers and Harbors, to whom was referred the House joint resolution (H. Res. 274) for the improvement of Racine Harbor, Wisconsin, report:

In stormy weather northeast seas sweep past the end of the north pier and, striking against the south pier, are deflected into the harbor with such force as to break vessels loose from their moorings and thereby to cause them damage.

It is believed that a breakwater can be so constructed as to do away with this serious defect at the entrance to the harbor, and to remove the consequent danger to vessels.

Accordingly this resolution is reported with the recommendation

that it do pass, with the following amendment:

Add at the end of the resolution the following words: "and that the Secretary of War report as to the advisability of making such improvement."